



## **State Revolving Fund Loan Programs**

### **Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source**

#### **PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

**HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT**  
**WICKER PARK ESTATES SEWER SEPARATION DESIGN SERVICES**  
**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #12**  
**SRF # WW05 16 45 02**

**Date: July 15, 2010**

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the project described here and in Addendum #12 to the Hammond Sanitary District's Preliminary Engineering Report will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

*How were environmental issues considered?*

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the project is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed project does not require the preparation of either an EA or an EIS.

*Why is additional environmental review not required?*

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

*How do I submit comments?*

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager  
SRF Programs  
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

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## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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### I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: Hammond Sanitary District  
PER Addendum #12  
Wicker Park Estates Sewer Separation Design Services  
5143 Columbia Avenue  
Hammond, IN 46320

SRF Project Number: WW 05 16 45 02

Authorized Representative: Dr. Michael T. Unger, Director

### II. PROJECT LOCATION

The Hammond Sanitary District (HSD) is located in the northwest corner of Lake County. The proposed project will design a sewer separation project to be implemented in the Wicker Park Area (Baring) in the town of Munster; the separation area is part of the HSD collection system and is bounded by the Little Calumet River to the north, Ridge Road (US Route 6) to the south, Oakwood Avenue to the west and Hart Ditch to the east.

### III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

No construction is associated with this addendum to the approved Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). This project will provide only planning and design engineering services for sewer separation in Wicker Park Estates. The actual construction project to separate the sewers will be implemented later. The HSD is updating its Long Term Control Plan, and Hammond and Munster agree that separation is the recommended alternative to address issues associated with combined sewers.

### IV. PROJECT COSTS, AFFORDABILITY AND FUNDING

- A. Design Services Cost: \$395,000.
- B. The HSD will use funds remaining in SRF Loan WW 05 16 45 02 to pay for the planning and design services. As of this date, \$5,951,083 remains in that loan. The HSD will not need to raise rates to implement this project.

## **V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES**

Since this project will consist only of planning engineering services there will be no negative environmental impacts. This design services project has no potential to cause effects to historic sites.

## **VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Hammond Sanitary District met to discuss the project at its Board Meeting on June 15, 2010 at the Hammond Sanitary District Offices.